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Pennsylvania Broilers

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Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Down 2 Percent from the Previous Week

Pennsylvania: Broiler chicks placed in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 25, 2006, were 2,936,000, down 2 percent from the previous week and 6 percent below the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 4 percent below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,746,000, down 8 percent from the previous week and down 4 percent from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent below the comparable period last year.

Nineteen States: Broiler chicks placed in the 19 Selected States were 177,118,000, down slightly from the previous week but up slightly from the

corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were slightly below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 212,142,000, down 1 percent from the previous week and down slightly from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is slightly above the comparable period last year.

Expected Marketings: Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier, less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending May 20, 2006, will be 2,797,000, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The 19 States expected marketings should total 171,439,000, slightly above the previous year.

Broilers Placed, Eggs Set, Expected Marketings

Period Covered	Pennsylvania			19 States		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
	(1,000)	Previous Week	Year Earlier	(1,000)	Previous Week	Year Earlier
Broilers Placed						
Past Week	2,936	98	94	177,118	100	100
Past 9 Weeks	26,023	NA	96	1,576,655	NA	100
Eggs Set						
Past Week	3,746	92	96	212,142	99	100
Past 3 Weeks	11,916	NA	97	642,702	NA	100
Expected Marketings Week Ending:						
May 20, 2006	2,797	NA	96	171,439	NA	100

Poultry Slaughter: Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending March 18, 2006, totaled 2,452,000 head with an average live weight of 5.31 pounds.

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

	Week Ending						
State	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	
AL	31,815	31,810	31,895	31,866	31,929	31,790	
AR	31,038	*31,029	30,868	31,164	30,561	30,151	
DE	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742	3,781	3,781	
FL	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369	1,365	1,364	
GA	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980	34,004	35,187	
KY	7,120	*7,129	*7,162	7,154	6,763	7,124	
LA	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136	4,136	3,756	
MD	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980	8,964	8,628	
MS	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439	18,326	18,528	
ND	19,355	19,477	*19,219	18,945	*18,603	18,043	
OK	6,759	6,617	6,633	6,657	6,510	6,659	
PA	3,333	4,214	3,947	*4,118	*4,052	3,746	
SC	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425	5,171	5,382	
TX	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184	15,180	13,455	
VA	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644	6,607	6,561	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,210	18,202	18,361	*17,942	*17,863	17,987	
19 State Total	215,181	*216,954	*216,939	*216,745	*213,815	212,142	
Previous Year Total	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629	213,135	212,819	
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	100	100	

^{*}Revised.

Broiler Chicks Set, 19 Selected States

	Week Ending						
State	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	Mar 25 2006	
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	
AL	20,851	21,339	21,298	21,608	22,003	21,700	
AR	23,786	23,863	24,141	23,761	25,107	25,275	
DE	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319	5,126	
FL	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541	1,486	
GA	28,038	27,129	27,560	28,060	27,986	28,989	
KY	6,097	5,913	4,925	6,435	*5,815	5,741	
LA	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830	3,831	
MD	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091	5,700	
MS	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514	16,428	
ND	14,951	15,346	15,346	15,577	*15,839	15,323	
OK	5,948	5,391	5,242	5,205	4,185	5,095	
PA	2,989	2,732	2,844	*2,730	*2,986	2,936	
SC	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721	4,846	
TX	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071	13,101	
VA	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646	5,098	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,909	16,607	16,756	*17,033	*17,668	16,443	
19 State Total	174,381	173,142	173,661	*175,784	*177,322	177,118	
Previous Year Total	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235	176,843	
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	99	99	101	100	

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